

In the Written Description:

Title of the Invention: ~~Speech Signal Decoding Method and Apparatus~~ SPEECH SIGNAL DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING DECODED INFORMATION SMOOTHED TO PRODUCE RECONSTRUCTED SPEECH SIGNAL OF ENHANCED QUALITY.

Page 8, beginning at line 25, amend as follows:

A/ The linear prediction coefficient calculation circuit 5510 outputs the linear prediction coefficient to an LSP conversion/quantization-circuit 5520 ~~weighting filter 5050, and weighting synthesis filter 5040.~~